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September 25, 2001

Magalie R. Salas  
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445-12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Universal service support certification  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

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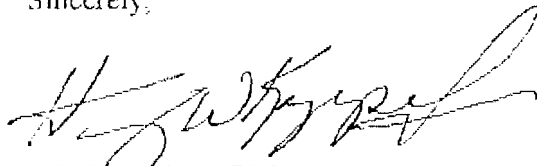
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Your understanding and indulgence of the predicament we face is truly appreciated as is your assistance.

Sincerely,



HENRY W. KAPPEL  
Legal Counsel

Encl.

cc: Universal Service Administrative Company  
(Attn: Irene Flannery)  
Aleki Sene, Executive Director, ASTCA  
Elvis Patea, Esq., Legal Counsel, ASTCA



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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS REGULATORY COMMISSIONER

## CERTIFICATION BY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

I, TAUESE P.F. SUNIA, hereby certify that I am the Governor of American Samoa, and that I am authorized to execute this certification as the Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner of the Territory of American Samoa.

Furthermore, with reference to CC Docket No. 96-45, I hereby certify, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that all federal high cost support received by the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

TAUESE P.F. SUNIA  
Governor and  
Telecommunications Regulatory Commissioner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 10/31/2001

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